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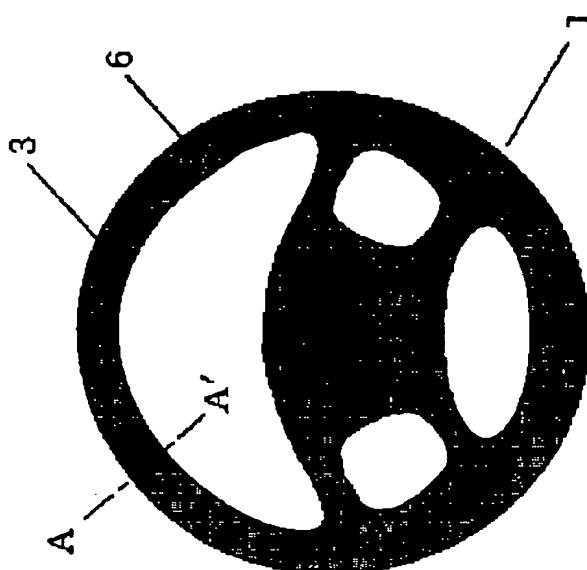
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TITLE : STEERING SWITCH DEVICE



ABSTRACT : PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To provide a steering switch device which has a simple, low-cost arrangement and preventing contacts from degrading as in devices of the prior art, thus enhancing reliability, without the need for placing a large number of piezoelectric elements as in prior art.

SOLUTION: Thus device includes a piezoelectric cable 6, placed within a steering wheel 1 and a control means which outputs control signals for controlling on-vehicle equipment according to signals outputted from the piezoelectric cable 6. The use of the piezoelectric cable 6 prevents contacts from degrading as in prior art, providing enhanced reliability. Also, there is no need for a large number of piezoelectric elements to be placed as in prior art, and the steering switch device having a simple, low-cost arrangement can be achieved.

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